

REMARKS

In accordance with C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants present herewith a complete set of claims, namely, Claims 1-21. In the Amendment and Response to Office Action filed on June 28, 2004, Claims 1-8, 11-14 and 16-18 were amended and Claim 21 was added. Hence, the Amendment and Response to Office Action filed on June 28, 2004 is now in compliance with C.F.R. §1.121.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims now presented for inclusion in the Amendment and Response to Office Action, filed with the PTO on June 28, 2004, now meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Claims 1-21 are pending.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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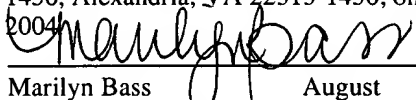
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